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TECHNICAL COUNTERMEASURES COMMITTEE

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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION

FROM:

[Redacted]  
Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Draft Minutes — Technical Countermeasures  
Committee (TCC) Meeting, 8 August 1986

Enclosed are draft minutes of the first TCC meeting held on 8 August 1986, Encl 1, and a list of attendees, Encl 2. Please call (301)688-6026/6869 black or 972-2701 secure with changes or corrections by 29 August 1986. ↙

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**CONFIDENTIAL****TECHNICAL COUNTERMEASURES COMMITTEE****MINUTES — 8 AUGUST 1986**

1. The first meeting of the Technical Countermeasures Committee of the IG/CM(T) was convened at 1030 hours on 8 August 1986 by the Chairman, [REDACTED], NSA Deputy Director for Information Security.

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2. Following a round of introductions, [REDACTED] provided a general overview of the establishment of the Committee and the restructuring of the Intelligence Community to respond to DCI, SSCI and other concerns. He stressed that the TCC exists primarily in the Intelligence Community, but will have a significant impact outside the Community regarding the protection of Community information.

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3. Committee operations were reviewed by the Chairman. The Committee will not have a formal voting procedure, but will achieve consensus on issues. The goal of revising the SIG-I structure was to stress decision-making at the lowest possible level. Therefore, members of the TCC must have the seniority, expertise, and authority to commit their organization to decisions reached by the TCC. If members are unsure of their ability to commit their organization, the Chairman requested that they either obtain such authority from their organization or propose another member for the Committee. The Chairman may establish subcommittee and working groups as required. As the Committee matures and has more experience with specific issues, standing subcommittees may be considered. In the meantime, special working groups will be established to consider specific issues.

4. The Chairman also reviewed the relationships between the TCC and various other committees.

a. SIG-I Structure: The TCC will deal extensively with the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee (TSCC) and with most, if not all, committees of the IG/CM(P). It is extremely difficult to separate "technical" from "policy" in the development and implementation of countermeasures. Consequently, actions taken in this Committee will impact other Committees and vice versa. It is not possible to be an effective member of this Committee without maintaining an understanding of actions under consideration by other SIG-I Groups and Committees.

b. NTISSC: There will be significant overlap between the TCC and the National Telecommunications and Information Systems Security Committee (NTISSC). This was recognized when the IG/CM(T) was created and Mr. Latham named as Chairman; as he is also Chairman of the NTISSC. While the main purpose of the NTISSC is to develop policies for telecommunications and automated information systems, the TCC will develop implementation strategies for these policies in the Intelligence Community. The cross-membership between the TCC, the IG/CM(T), and the NTISSC was also noted.

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5. TCC Charter Discussion: The Chairman opened the item with the comments that the references to "policy" in paragraphs 1.a. and 1.b. will be deleted per guidance from the Chairman, IG/CM(T) and that a paragraph will be added to "2. FUNCTIONS" to address coordination of research and development issues and actions. The Chairman opened the item for general discussion.

a. The Treasury Member requested that "U.S. Secret Service" be replaced by "Department of Treasury" in the membership listing in paragraph 4.b.

ACTION: The Charter will reflect Department of Treasury.

b. Paragraph 2.d., regarding the TCC review of technical countermeasures material for proposed foreign release was discussed. There are currently at least two other reviews, one by the SIGINT Committee and one by ODUSD(P), prior to foreign release of such material. It appears that this review, or one or both of the other reviews, is unnecessary. It became apparent that the TCC could not resolve the issue at this time. The Chairman requested that CCISCMS take the action to investigate the review process for foreign release of technical countermeasures material and propose a solution to the multiple review issue.

ACTION: CCISCMS will take for action.

c. The Army Member noted that the Charter does not contain a definition of "Telecommunications." He stated that the Army has had some difficulties with definitions in the past; if the Charter were to contain an approved definition future actions would be easier. After a short discussion the Chairman directed that the definition in NSDD-145 be included in the Charter.

ACTION: The Charter will include the definition of telecommunications as found in NSDD-145.

d. The Justice Member noted that SCI issues are not specifically addressed in this Charter while Charters for other Committees specifically exclude SCI matters from consideration. The Director, CCISCMS stated that this group has the only technical knowledge in the SIG-I structure to address SCI issues. The problem with some other Committees and their relation to SCI matters is a question of DCI mission. In the case of the TCC there is no conflict with DCI authorities. The Charter does not specifically refer to SCI matters, but addresses "Intelligence Community information;" this is understood to include technical protection of SCI information. The Chairman stated that since this is an "advisory group" to the DCI he saw no conflict between DCI authorities and TCC mission.

e. The concern over "policy" was questioned by CCISCMS staff. The Chairman stated that the issue was more semantic than practical; the TCC will not develop policy that is within the area

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of interest of another Group or Committee. However, the TCC will execute its responsibilities for technical countermeasures. The DOS Member recalled that when Mr. Gates, DDCI, briefed the new SIG-I structure he stated that the IG/CM(T) and its committees would not duplicate the NTISSC functions. The Treasury Member noted that the NTISSC is currently broadening its base. Years ago it was composed almost exclusively of Intelligence Community members; it now includes many general government members and can address broader issues.

6. President's CI/CM Report to Congress: The Director, CCISCMS provided the following status report on recent actions.

a. The Chairman, IG/CM(T) sent a four-page memorandum to Gen Stilwell with specific comments needing attention.

b. The Chairman, IG/CI discussed the report with the DCI and stated that the IG/CI was not prepared to comment.

c. The SIG-I has postponed its 12 August meeting to discuss the report until September.

d. The NSC commented that the report was not yet a Presidential report and requested a rewrite.

e. The Stilwell Committee has been tasked to rewrite the report and the DCI has told Congress that the report will not be ready until September at the earliest.

f. Section VII, legislative initiatives, has been approved and will be discussed with OMB.

g. When the report is sent to Congress, CCISCMS will extract specific tasks (currently, in excess of 100) and provide them to all the SIG-I Groups and Committees for appropriate action.

7. STU-III Use Restrictions: The Chairman introduced a current problem between NSA and the Telephone Security Panel of the Technical Surveillance Countermeasures Committee (TSCC).

a. The Telephone Security Panel has been responsible for all unsecure telephones in SCIFs. They are currently expanding their area to address the security of all telephones in areas where classified information is discussed. The Telephone Security Panel is in the process of establishing standards and requirements for the use of telephones in such areas.

b. NSA has developed the STU-III telephone security equipment which has the capability to handle either secure or plain calls. The STU-III is an electronic system without the mechanical features found in current telephone systems.

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c. In order to resolve the apparent conflict between the standards and use instructions under development by the Telephone Security Panel and the STU-III equipment, the Chairman established a special working group to review the issue, contact the TSCC and Telephone Security Panel, propose a solution, and report back to the TCC.

d. The Chairman requested that State, CIA, NSA, and Treasury constitute the working group; Treasury to Chair. The Treasury Member agreed to Chair and all members agreed to serve.

8. Program Review for Chairman, IG/CM(T): When the TCC and TSCC were created Mr. Latham, Chairman IG/CM(T), requested a "program review" from each Committee. This review will not be a line-by-line budget review. It should provide Mr. Latham with a sense of direction of the individual Departments and Agencies with special emphasis on gaps in programs. These presentations should be ten minutes or less and will occur at the next meeting; sometime in October depending on Mr. Latham's schedule.

9. Other Business: The Army Member noted that the Charter specifically identifies COMSEC, COMPUSEC and TEMPEST as the purview of the Committee and questioned whether Electronic Security (ELSEC) would be included in this Committee. He stated that while ELSEC is separate from COMSEC, COMPUSEC and TEMPEST, it is closely aligned with them and currently lacks a national focus. The Chairman stated that this Committee would consider any technical actions taken by members to increase the security of electronics emissions. However, as the State Member noted, ELSEC is primarily an OSD mission. The Chairman will discuss the issue with Mr. Latham.

10. Next Meeting: The next meeting of the TCC will be in October at a time and place convenient to the presentation of a program review for the Chairman, IG/CM(T). The Executive Secretary will provide sufficient notice to all Members.

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